



CONSTITUTION & BYE-LAWS
OF THE
ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.



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CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

SECTION I.—(OBJECTS AND MEMBERSHIP.)

1. The Society shall be called "The Entomological Society of Canada," and is instituted for the improvement and advancement of Entomological Science, and the investigation of the character and habits of Insects.
2. The Society shall consist of four classes, viz., Members Ordinary, Life, Corresponding, and Honorary.
3. Ordinary Members shall be persons whose pursuits, or studies, are connected with Entomology, or who are collectors of Insects.
4. Life Members shall be persons who have made donations to the value of \$50 in money, books, or specimens (the two latter to be valued by competent persons), or who may be elected as such at the general meeting of the Society, for important services performed, and after due notice has been given.
5. Corresponding Members shall be persons residing out of the Dominion of Canada, whose pursuits are similar to those of Ordinary Members.
6. Honorary Members shall be persons of high standing, and eminence for their attainments in Entomology.
7. The number of Honorary Members shall be limited to twenty-five.
8. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, and the *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents, as hereinafter provided, a Secretary-Treasurer, a Curator, and three other members to form a Council; all of whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and shall be eligible for re-election.

SECTION II.—(ELECTION OF MEMBERS.)

1. All candidates for admission into the Society, as Members, Corresponding Members, or Life Members, must be proposed by a Member at

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a regular meeting of the Society, and be balloted for at the next regular meeting; the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Members present shall be necessary for the election of a candidate.

2. Honorary Members must be recommended by at least three members, who shall certify that the person named is eminent for his Entomological attainments; the election in their case shall be conducted in the same manner as laid down for other members.

3. Whenever any person is elected a member in any class, the Secretary shall immediately inform him of the same by letter; and no person shall be considered a member until he has signified his acquiescence in the election.

4. Every person elected a member is required to pay his first contribution within one month of the date of his election; otherwise his election shall be null and void.

SECTION III.—(CONTRIBUTIONS.)

1. The annual contribution of every Ordinary Member shall be Two Dollars; all contributions to be due in advance, on the first day of January in each year. All new members, except those elected in the month of December, shall be required to pay the subscription for the year in which they are elected.

2. Every member shall be considered to belong to the Society, and as such be liable to the payment of his annual contribution, until he has either forfeited his claim, or has signified to the Secretary in writing his desire to withdraw, when his name shall be erased from the list of members.

3. Whenever any member shall be one year in arrear in the payment of his annual contribution, the Secretary shall inform him of the fact in writing; any member continuing two years in arrears shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Society, and his name shall be erased from the list of members.

4. Corresponding, Life, and Honorary Members shall not be required to pay any annual contribution.

SECTION IV.—(OFFICERS.)

1. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Society, to preserve good order and decorum, and to regulate debates.

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2. The duties of the Vice-Presidents shall be the same as those of the President, during his absence.

3. The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be to take and preserve correct minutes of the proceeding of the Society, and to present and read all communications addressed to the Society, to notify members of their election, and those in arrear of the amount of their indebtedness; to keep a correct list of the members of the Society, with the dates of their election, resignation, or death, and their addresses, to maintain the correspondence of the Society, and to acknowledge all donations to it. He shall also take charge of the funds of the Society, and keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, and of the indebtedness of members, and render an annual report of the same at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

4. It shall be the duty of the Curator to take charge of all books, specimens, cabinets, and other properties of the Society; to receive and arrange in their proper places all donations of specimens; to keep a record of all contributions of books or specimens, with a list of the contributors; and to oversee and direct any exchange of specimens. He shall, also, report annually to the Society on the condition of the specimens and cabinets under his care.

5. The officers of the Society, together with three other members elected annually, shall form a Council who shall have the direction and management of all the affairs of the Society. The Council shall meet once in every quarter, the time and place of meeting to be appointed by the President, and notice to be given by the Secretary at least ten days beforehand.

6. The Council shall draw up a Yearly Report on the state of the Society, in which shall be given an abstract of all the proceedings, and of the receipts and expenditure of the Society during their term of office; and such Report shall be read at the Annual General Meeting.

SECTION V.—(MEETINGS.)

1. Ordinary Meeting shall be held once a month, the day and hour of meeting to be settled by Bye-laws, as may be deemed most expedient.

2. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held on the First Tuesday in July in each year, to receive and deliberate upon the report of the Council on the state of the Society, and to elect officers and

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members of the Council for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business of which notice has been given.

3. Special Meetings of the Society may be called by the President upon the written request of five members of the Society, provided that one week's notice of the meeting be given, and that its object be specified.

SECTION VI.—(BRANCHES OF THE SOCIETY.)

1. Branches of the Society may be formed in any place within the Dominion of Canada, on a written application to the Society, from at least six persons resident in the locality.

2. Each Branch shall be required to pay to the Parent Society one dollar per annum for each paying member on its list.

3. Every Branch shall be governed by the Constitution of the Society, but shall have power to elect its own officers, and enact Bye-laws for itself, provided they be not contrary to the tenor and spirit of the Constitution of the whole Society.

4. All the members of the Branches shall be members of the Society, and entitled to all the privileges of ordinary members.

5. No Corresponding or Honorary Member shall be appointed by the Branches, but such members may be proposed at General Meetings of the Society by any Branch, as well as by individual members.

6. The Presidents of the Branches shall be *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents of the Society.

7. Each Branch shall transmit to the Parent Society an Annual Report of its proceedings, such Report to be read at the Annual General Meeting.

SECTION VII.—(ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION.)

1. No article in any Section of this Constitution shall be altered or added to, unless notice be first given at an ordinary meeting of the Society, or of a Branch, and the alteration or addition be sanctioned by two-thirds of the members present at the next ensuing meeting; the Secretary of the Society, or of the Branch, shall then notify the Secretaries of all the other Branches; when the sanction of all the Branches has been obtained in the same manner, the alteration or addition shall become law.

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